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1. All newly-constructed pill boxes are being manned and there is general reenforcing of border posts. Non-Communist families are being arrested and deported from border areas.
2. Two hundred families in Sveti Vrach and Petrich were arrested and shipped out. Other families in villages west of Petrich were also arrested but only between four and ten families per village.
3. [redacted] reportedly saw mass arrests and deportations in Burgas, Varna, Ruse, Sliven and other sea and river ports.
4. An unspecified infantry battalion moved out of Sveti Vrach a week ago to an unknown destination. An artillery battery left Sveti Vrach three days ago.
5. [redacted] present activity indicates strengthening of border defenses and that no offensive action is indicated.

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